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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL European Application 0860144
AM German OS19807884
AT US Patent Application Publication 2001/0029334

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL, AM and the German counterpart to Reference AT were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

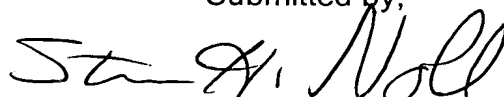
For the references that are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English translation of Reference AM is not readily

available to the applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first office action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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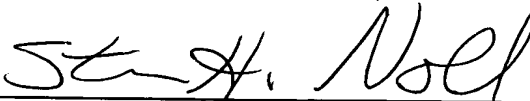


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